REPORT

OF THE

CIVIL JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

OF THE

Bombay Presidency,

FOR

THE YEAR 1861

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Sudder Dewanee Adawlut,
Bombay, 12th March 1862.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department.

Sir,

I have the honour, by direction of the Judges of the Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, to submit, for the purpose of being laid before His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Statements Nos. 1 to 16, prepared in accordance with the forms transmitted with Mr. Secretary Lumsden's letter No. 7459 of the 30th September 1852, and showing the result of the Civil Judicial administration of this Presidency for the year 1861, as contrasted with the results of the four previous years. The other Statements herewith submitted comprise the same information regarding the Agency and Revenue Courts respectively.

Present—
H. Hebbert, Esq.;
H. Newton, Esq.; and
A. K. Forbes, Esq.

2. I have also the honor to forward the usual Statement, showing the names of the European Officers who presided over the several Civil and Criminal Courts, and the business disposed of by each, together with a Statement prepared agreeably to paragraph 4 of Mr. Chief Secretary Anderson's letter No. 1800, dated the 2nd June 1857, exhibiting the different values of suits decided by the Principal Sudder Ameens, Sudder Ameens, and Moonsiffs.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) ROBERT HILL PINHEY,
Acting Registrar.

CIVIL.

No. 1.—PUNCHAYETS.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Depending 1st January	..	..	..	..	..
Instituted during the year	28	32	37	9	7
Total....	28	32	37	9	7
Decided on merits	28	32	37	9	6
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	28	32	37	9	6
Depending 31st December	..	..	..	..	1

No. 2.—VILLAGE MOONSIFFS.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Depending 1st January	..	..	..	..	..
Instituted during the year	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	..	..	..	..	..
Decided on merits	..	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	..	..	..	..	..
Depending 31st December	..	..	..	..	..

There are no Village Moonsiffs under this Presidency.

No. 3.—DISTRICT MOONSIFFS.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Depending 1st January	25587	18384	21950	34639	17364
Instituted during the year	76327	98432	114487	74813	254129
Received by transfer	4525	5290	3621	1565	5288
Total....	106439	122106	140058	111017	276781
Decided on merits	65374	68084	71811	68143	98662
Dismissed on default	2882	3092	3349	4661	4033
Adjusted or withdrawn	15234	23730	26313	19482	44161
Otherwise disposed of	4565	5250	3946	1367	3914
Total....	88055	100156	105419	93653	150770
Depending 31st December	18384	21950	34639	17364	126011

No. 4.—SUDDER AMEENS.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Depending 1st January	4335	3313	3916	6873	2765
Instituted during the year	13061	14951	18747	10888	40841
Received by transfer	851	677	535	428	152
Total....	18247	18941	23198	18189	43758
Decided on merits	11012	10791	11729	11031	16444
Dismissed on default	1092	1027	976	834	780
Adjusted or withdrawn	1995	2983	3530	2924	5886
Otherwise disposed of	835	224	90	635	2531
Total....	14934	15025	16325	15424	25641
Depending 31st December	3313	3916	6873	2765	18117

No. 5.—PRINCIPAL SUDDER AMEENS.

	1857		1858		1859		1860		1861	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	2405	146	2652	199	2731	41	3727	..	1582	27
Instituted during the year ..	7832	38	10989	15	10568	7	5535	2	17016	..
Received by transfer	638	692	391	566	217	208	249	100	501	175
Total....	10875	876	14032	780	13516	256	9511	102	19099	202
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	5690	218	6958	160	6024	56	5019	20	6348	21
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent.....	677	321	811	294	1001	88	894	29	850	60
Remanded	..	101	..	61	..	14	..	2	..	5
Dismissed on default	515	8	681	5	576	..	370	2	277	1
Adjusted or withdrawn	1063	10	2291	4	2141	..	1598	1	3084	..
Otherwise disposed of	278	19	560	215	47	98	48	21	179	113
Total....	8223	677	11301	739	9789	256	7929	75	10738	200
Depending 31st December..	2652	199	2731	41	3727	..	1582	27	8361	2

No. 6.—ASSISTANT JUDGES.

	1857		1858		1859		1860		1861	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	99	1123	86	1026	99	768	79	894	41	907
Instituted during the year ..	26	1388	51	1705	56	1466	37	923	36	719
Received by transfer	49	1928	46	1344	28	971	17	1249	36	1123
Total....	174	4439	183	4075	183	3205	133	3066	113	2749
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	20	777	15	634	35	509	16	539	19	540
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	28	1661	19	1395	47	1122	40	1284	22	956
Remanded	..	498	..	428	..	309	..	199	..	101
Dismissed on default	9	202	11	110	4	35	12	39	1	45
Adjusted or withdrawn	13	62	17	77	13	25	15	24	9	..
Otherwise disposed of	18	213	22	663	5	311	9	74	1	292
Total....	88	3413	84	3307	104	2311	92	2159	52	1934
Depending 31st December ..	86	1026	99	768	79	894	41	907	61	815

No. 7.—SUBORDINATE AND ADDITIONAL JUDGES.

	1857		1858		1859		1860		1861	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	..	676	..	..	32	849	..	..	..	..
Instituted during the year ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Received by transfer	..	..	32	1638	21	921	3	206	..	..
Total....	..	676	32	1639	53	1770	3	206	..	..
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	..	..	..	159	7	272	..	56	..	..
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	..	..	..	440	14	745	1	76	..	..
Remanded.....	..	..	..	150	..	142	..	15	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	16	1	9	..	2	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	24	5	13	1	2	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	676	..	1	26	589	1	55	..	..
Total....	..	676	..	790	53	1770	3	206	..	..
Depending 31st December ..	..	..	32	849	..	..	..	..	..	..

No. 8.—DISTRICT AND CITY JUDGES.

	1857		1858		1859		1860		1861	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	28	2046	42	1858	19	724	34	942	16	991
Instituted during the year ..	53	3324	34	3228	37	3244	26	2868	51	2500
Received by transfer	19	509	4	161	44	664	8	159	12	406
Total....	100	5879	80	5247	100	4632	68	3969	79	3897
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	12	416	6	360	8	472	11	399	17	521
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	2	1061	4	1003	7	1142	10	883	3	946
Remanded	..	280	..	268	..	296	..	130	..	133
Dismissed on default	8	105	4	95	9	36	3	40	2	34
Adjusted or withdrawn	5	56	7	58	9	41	4	35	9	..
Otherwise disposed of	31	2103	40	2739	33	1703	24	1491	34	1297
Total....	58	4021	61	4523	66	3690	52	2978	65	2931
Depending 31st December ..	42	1858	19	724	34	942	16	991	14	966

No. 9.—SUDDER DEWANEE ADAWLUT.

	1857		1858		1859		1860		1861	
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.
Depending 1st January	13	328	4	44	12	59	7	81	14	102
Admitted during the year....	4	121	16	142	7	136	8	139	10	510
Total....	17	449	20	186	19	195	15	220	24	612
Dismissed on default	4	36	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Confirmed	4	155	3	40	4	38	1	44	9	39
Amended	1	38	..	14	4	12	..	15	2	4
Reversed	3	82	3	51	1	49	..	23	..	18
Remanded	1	92	..	20	3	15	..	36	..	18
Total....	13	405	8	127	12	114	1	118	11	79
Depending 31st December ..	4	44	12	59	7	81	14	102	13	533

No. 10.—AGGREGATE OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Depending 1st January	32454	24477	28747	45352	21768
Instituted during the year	97327	124489	143932	91308	312080
Total....	129781	148966	172679	136660	333848
Decided on merits	82843	86720	90720	85174	122371
Dismissed on default	4506	4815	4915	5880	5093
Adjusted or withdrawn	18310	29028	32011	24024	53149
Depending 31st December	24477	28747	45352	21768	152565
Decided by European Judges.....	97	83	159	113	82
Ditto Native ditto	105534	120448	127450	114956	180525
Ditto Punchayets	28	32	37	9	6
Total decided....	105659	120563	127646	115078	180613

No. 11.—AGGREGATE OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Appeals from	District and City Judges.										Subordinate and additional Judges.										Assistant Judges.										Principal Sudder Ameens.									
	1857		1858		1859		1860		1861		1857		1858		1859		1860		1861		1857		1858		1859		1860		1861		1857		1858		1859		1860		1861	
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.
Suits appealable	14	1477	10	1363	15	1614	21	1282	20	1467	..	..	..	599	21	1017	1	132	..	..	48	2438	34	2029	82	1631	56	1823	41	1496	6367	539	7769	454	7025	144	5913	49	7198	81
Appealed	4	47	16	61	3	42	7	53	9	234	..	5	..	..	4	34	1	31	1	28	30	63	22	..	32	51	22	54	31	230	529	6	539	16	563	9	387	1	309	18
Appeals depending on 1st January	13	159	4	16	12	26	3	24	9	47	..	11	..	..	..	..	4	27	5	14	29	120	42	23	20	24	14	27	12	41	620	38	A599	5	406	9	196	3	249	..
Total	17	206	20	77	15	68	10	77	18	281	..	16	..	..	4	34	5	58	6	42	59	183	64	23	52	75	36	81	43	271	1149	44	1138	21	969	18	583	4	558	18
Affirmed	4	84	3	17	4	14	1	14	4	15	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	14	5	4	9	52	27	20	27	17	19	13	18	19	283	16	403	3	494	4	214	3	204	1
Modified	1	18	..	9	4	4	..	1	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	9	..	2	1	16	3	5	3	6	1	5	..	..	44	2	61	..	56	1	38	..	50	..
Reversed	3	32	3	18	1	18	..	7	..	13	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	1	4	33	4	24	3	20	4	9	..	4	70	13	82	9	119	9	60	1	72	..
Remanded	1	39	..	7	3	8	..	8	..	6	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	15	..	5	3	44	7	13	5	5	..	13	2	7	93	4	96	..	83	1	12	..	27	..
Dismissed on default	4	16	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	2	1	..	..	..	3	..	51	4	67	..	19	..	11	..	9	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	30	..	14	..	10	..	..	..
Total	13	190	8	51	12	44	1	30	6	36	..	16	..	..	..	7	..	44	5	12	18	160	44	64	39	48	24	40	23	30	567	39	739	12	785	15	345	4	362	1
Depending 31st December	4	16	12	26	3	24	9	47	12	245	..	..	..	..	4	27	5	14	1	30	42	23	20	24	14	27	12	41	20	241	A600	5	406	9	196	3	249	..	197	17

A.—The difference of one appeal is explained in the foot-note A affixed to the Supplement to No. 11.

Supplement to No. 11.—AGGREGATE OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Appeals from	Sudder Ameens.					Moonsiffs.					Jagheerdars.					Punchayets.					Revenue Courts.				
	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.
Suits appealable	11012	10791	11729	11031	16444	65374	68084	71811	68143	98662	233	191	250	112	162	28	32	37	9	6	..	..	..	..	..
Appealed	673	661	625	576	379	3504	3698	3482	2791	2496	9	10	10	17	2	3	..	2	..	..	2	19	3	..	2
Appeals depending on 1st January	756	502A	324	310	296	2569	1919A	1619	1303	1349	6	12	5	8	18	1	2	..	..	..	10	7	8	5	1
Total....	1429	1163	949	886	675	6073	5617	5101	4094	3845	15	22	15	25	20	4	2	2	..	..	12	26	11	5	3
Affirmed	452	501	382	402	276	2278	2126	2133	1606	1359	2	7	5	4	14	..	..	1	..	..	2	9	2	1	2
Modified	101	83	52	41	60	367	368	371	252	358	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Reversed	142	81	102	81	102	694	676	652	558	526	1	..	2	1	3	1	2	1	..	..	3	10	..	3	..
Remanded	148	131	89	47	18	634	665	584	285	192	..	8	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	71	40	11	11	13	193	119	49	61	49	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	29	23	11	12	..	72	107	50	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Total....	943	859	647	594	475	4238	4061	3839	2802	2484	3	17	7	7	17	2	2	2	..	..	5	19	7	5	2
Depending 31st December	504A	324	310	296	200	1916A	1619	1303	1349	1363	12	5	8	18	2	2	..	..	..	..	7	8	5	1	1

A.—The difference between these numbers is thus explained by the Judge of Ahmedabad:—"The 368 appeals shown as undisposed of on the 31st December 1857 in last year's statement are correct in number, but a mistake appears to have crept into the number inserted in the inner columns. Instead of 66 appeals which appear against the name of the Principal Sudder Ameen, there were 65 appeals undisposed of on the 31st December 1857; and instead of 97 appeals against the decision of the Sudder Ameen, inserted as being undisposed of, there were 95; and instead of 200 appeals against the decisions of the Moonsiffs, inserted as being undisposed of, there were 203. These mistakes have therefore been rectified in the present statement."

No. 12.—DESCRIPTION OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Connected with Land Rent	238	184	150	107	89
Otherwise connected with Land	2,816	3,131	3,218	2,908	2,655
Connected with Debts, Wages, &c.	1,00,584	1,15,082	1,22,030	1,10,476	1,75,284
Ditto Caste, Religion, &c.	245	145	126	112	47
Ditto Indigo, Sugar, Silk, &c.	1,776	2,021	2,122	1,475	2,538
Total....	1,05,659	1,20,563	1,27,646	1,15,078	1,80,613

No.13—RESULT OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

In favour of Plaintiff.	In favour of Defendent.
1,12,275	10,096

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A.—These include only those suits which are decided on their merits.

No. 14.—AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.

	1857			1858			1859			1860			1861		
	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Sudder Dewanee Adawlut..	2	1	20	..	5	16	..	5	27	..	7	29	..	8	14
District and City Judges ..	1	2	20	1	..	17	..	6	27	..	7	6	..	8	24
Subordinate and additional Judges	..	..	..	..	10	29	1	8	19	3	..	12	..	..	..
Assistant Judges	1	6	..	..	9	24	..	6	10	..	11	2	..	11	25
Principal Sudder Ameens..	..	4	6	..	3	10	..	3	24	..	4	9	..	4	9
Sudder Ameens	..	3	16	..	2	26	..	3	12	..	3	5	..	4	4
Moonsiffs	..	3	9	..	2	23	..	2	19	..	2	24	..	4	2

No. 15.—TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS DEPENDING.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Before Sudder Adawlut	1,45,781	1,65,899	98,833	3,25,960	6,59,300
Before other Courts Original	30,15,866	32,44,911	36,94,468	23,72,757	1,33,53,723
Ditto ditto Appeals	10,49,858	8,03,072	5,96,075	7,56,177	5,11,938
Total....	42,11,505	42,13,882	43,89,376	34,54,894	1,45,24,961

No. 16.—DEBTORS IN JAIL.

	1857		1858		1859		1860		1861	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		Rs. a. p.		*Rs. a. p.*		*Rs. a. p.*		*Rs. a. p.*		*Rs. a. p.*
At the instance of Individuals.....	872	60,450 11 8	852	58,947 7 6	698	75,387 4 11	561	66,474 0 10	556	90,660 6 2
At the instance of Government.....	1	954 3 0	1	969 0 3	..	....	..	....	1	14 13 5
Total number in Jail ..	873	61,404 14 8	853	59,916 7 9	698	75,387 4 11	561	66,474 0 10	557	90,675 3 7

AGENTS' COURTS.

No. 1.—PUNCHAYET.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Depending 1st January	..	..	..	..	1
Instituted during the year	..	11	..	5	..
Total....	..	11	..	5	1
Decided on merits	..	11	..	4	1
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	..	11	..	4	1
Depending 31st December	..	..	..	1	..

No. 2.—JAHAGEERDARS.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Depending 1st January	132	148	184	145	145
Instituted during the year	451	458	489	333	1827
Received by transfer	51	13	5	3	..
Total....	634	619	678	481	1972
Decided on merits	300	297	369	218	545
Dismissed on default	28	7	18	7	16
Adjusted or withdrawn	122	127	143	110	263
Otherwise disposed of	36	4	3	1	36
Total....	486	435	533	336	860
Depending 31st December	148	184	145	145	1112

No. 3.—ASSISTANT AGENT.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Depending 1st January	45	34	48	36	29
Instituted during the year	13	28	29	29	92
Received by transfer	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	58	62	77	65	121
Decided on merits	15	13	37	26	80
Dismissed on default	9	1	2	6	1
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	2	4	8
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	24	14	41	36	89
Depending 31st December	34	48	36	29	32

No. 4.—AGENTS.

	1857		1858		1859		1860		1861	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	10	1	10	8	6	2	6	7	5	4
Instituted during the year ..	7	6	2	5	4	16	10	10	37	18
Received by transfer	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	19	10	12	13	10	18	16	17	42	22
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	5	..	4	4	1	1	4	8	5	11
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	3	1	1	5	3	7	..	4	..	6
Remanded.....	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	2
Dismissed on default	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	1	6	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	9	2	6	11	4	11	11	13	11	19
Depending 31st December ..	10	8	6	2	6	7	5	4	31	3

No. 5.—SUDDER DEWANEE ADAWLUT.

	1857		1858		1859		1860		1861	
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.
Depending 1st January	3	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Admitted during the year ..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
Total....	3	2	3	..	3	..	..	..	2	2
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Confirmed	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Amended.....	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Reversed.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Remanded	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	3	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Depending 31st December..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	2

No. 6.—AGGREGATE OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Depending 1st January	187	192	238	187	180
Instituted during the year	471	499	522	377	1,956
Total....	658	691	760	564	2,136
Decided on merits	323	326	410	252	631
Dismissed on default	38	9	20	14	17
Adjusted or withdrawn	122	127	145	120	277
Depending 31st December	192	238	187	180	1,175
Decided by European Judges	33	20	45	47	100
Ditto Native ditto	450	431	530	335	824
Ditto Punchayets	....	11	....	4	1
Total decided....	483	462	575	386	925

No. 7.—AGGREGATE OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Appeals from	Agents.										Assistant Agents.					Jahageerdars.					Punchayets.				
	1857		1858		1859		1860		1861		1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.
Suits appealable	8	1	5	9	8	..	4	12	5	17	15	13	39	26	80	300	297	102	218	44	..	..	..	4	..
Appealed	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	5	1	9	6	15	1	4	7	4	3	..	..	..	..	..
Appeals depending on 1st January	3	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	3	4	..	3	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	3	2	3	..	3	..	..	..	2	2	6	6	9	9	19	1	7	9	8	3	..	..	..	..	..
Affirmed	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	5	2	6	..	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Modified	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Reversed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	9	..	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Remanded	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	3	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	6	5	19	..	5	4	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Depending 31st December	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	2	2	5	..	3	4	..	3	2	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..

No. 8.—DESCRIPTION OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Connected with Land Rent	4	1	4	2	5
Otherwise connected with Land	5	8	20	13	5
Connected with Debts, Wages, &c.	474	453	549	371	915
Ditto Caste, Religion, &c.	..	..	1	..	..
Ditto Indigo, Sugar, Silk, &c.	..	..	1	..	..
Total....	483	462	575	386	925

No. 9.—RESULT OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

In favour of Plaintiff.	In favour of Defendant.
595	36

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A.—These include only those suits that are decided on their merits.

No. 10.—AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.

	1857.			1858			1859			1860			1861		
	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Sudder Dewanee Adawlut..	2	3	27	..	..	..	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Agents	1	6	15	2	5	17	1	..	6	1	8	2	..	8	1
Assistant Agents	2	3	16	1	11	12	1	11	25	..	11	10	..	3	10
Jahageerdars	..	4	26	..	4	8	..	9	6	..	5	26	..	4	24

No. 11.—TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS DEPENDING.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Before Sudder Adawlut	....	1,764	....	....	14,776
Before other Courts Original	2,04,875	1,45,438	1,16,024	1,70,161	3,12,892
Ditto ditto Appeals	753	48	1,064	2,760	662
Total....	2,05,628	1,47,250	1,17,088	1,72,921	3,28,330

No. 12.—DEBTORS IN JAIL.

	1857		1858		1859		1860		1861	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		Rs. a. p.		*Rs. a. p.*		*Rs. a. p.*		*Rs. a. p.*		*Rs. a. p.*
At the instance of Individuals.....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	....
At the instance of Government.....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	....
Total number in Jail ..	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	....	..	....

REVENUE COURTS.

No. 1.—PUNCHAYETS.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Depending 1st January	..	..	..	..	..
Instituted during the year	..	..	1	..	4A
Total....	..	..	1	..	4
Decided on merits	..	..	1	..	4
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	..	..	1	..	4
Depending 31st December	..	..	..	..	..

A.—These suits were transferred by the Mamlutdar of Rutnagherry, and they are not therefore included in Statement 10 under the heading "instituted."

No. 2.—MAMLUTDARS.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Depending 1st January	475	484	351	672A	457
Instituted during the year	1,415	1,565	2,179	1,859	3,836
Received by transfer	175	67	106	41	33
Total....	2,065	2,116	2,636	2,572	4,326
Decided on merits	890	1,007	1,218	1,372	1,652
Dismissed on default	269	320	253	235	270
Adjusted or withdrawn	380	427	459	498	857
Otherwise disposed of	42	11	35	10	140
Total....	1,581	1,765	1,965	2,115	2,919
Depending 31st December	484	351	671A	457	1,407

A.—The difference of one between these numbers is thus explained by the Collector of Kaira:—"In the Return for 1859, 38 suits are shown as depending on 31st December 1859. This is owing to a suit which was re-admitted on the file in that year, having inadvertantly not been taken into account. The error is now rectified."

No. 3.—ASSISTANT COLLECTORS.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Depending 1st January	2	1	..	1	..
Instituted during the year	6	2	1	..	4
Received by transfer	..	..	..	2	4
Total....	8	3	1	3	8
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	5	..	..	2	..
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	1	1	..	..	..
Remanded	..	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	1	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	1	1	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	1	1
Total....	7A	3	..	3	1
Depending 31st December	1	..	1	..	7

A.—These include 6 suits decided by the Deputy Collector of Kaira.

No. 4.—COLLECTORS.

	1857		1858		1859		1860		1861	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	4	214	3	192	2	154	1	198A	1	226
Instituted during the year ..	1	211	1	180	..	241	..	208	12	215
Received by transfer	..	..	..	57	..	39	1	47	..	106
Total....	5	425	4	429	2	434	2	453	13	547
Decreed for Plaintiff or Appellant	..	12	..	43	1	66	..	63	2	50
Decreed for Defendant or Respondent	..	121	1	107	..	99	..	68	2	98
Remanded.....	..	48	..	40	..	20	..	28	..	18
Dismissed on default	2	19	..	20	..	6	..	11	1	14
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	1	7	..	9	..	4	..	2
Otherwise disposed of	..	3	..	58	..	37	1	53	2	110
Total....	2	233	2	275	1	237	1	227	7	301
Depending 31st December ..	3	192	2	154	1	197A	1	226	6	246

A.—The Colaba Sub-Collector's Return for 1859 was closed with 14 appeals in arrears, and instead of the Return for 1860 being opened with that number, it commences with 15; and he explains the cause of the difference to have arisen from an error in entering the number instituted during the former year, which should have been 38, not 37.

This Statement includes the work of the Sub-Collectors of Colaba and Broach, and the number of appeals disposed of by the Assistant Collectors of Tanna, Rutnagherry, and Ahmednuggur.

No. 5.—SUDDER DEWANEE ADAWLUT.

	1857		1858		1859		1860		1861	
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.
Depending 1st January	2	17	...	2	..	2	1	3	1	4
Admitted during the year ..	..	3	..	6	1	4	..	5	..	29
Total....	2	20	..	8	1	6	1	8	1	33
Dismissed on default	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Confirmed	2	8	..	2	..	2	..	3	1	..
Amended	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Reversed	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Remanded	..	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Total....	2	18	..	6	..	3	..	4	1	..
Depending 31st December ..	..	2	..	2	1	3	1	4	..	33

No. 6.—AGGREGATE OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Depending 1st January	481	488	353	674A	458
Instituted during the year	1,422	1,568	2,181	1,859	3,852
Total....	1,903	2,056	2,534	2,533	4,310
Decided on merits	896	1,009	1,220	1,374	1,660
Dismissed on default	271	321	253	235	271
Adjusted or withdrawn	381	429	459	498	857
Depending 31st December	488	353	673A	458	1,420
Decided by European Judges	3	5	1	2	5
Ditto Native ditto	1,545	1,754	1,930	2,105	2,779
Ditto Punchayets	..	..	1	..	4
Total decided....	1,548	1,759	1,932	2,107	2,788

A.—The difference of one between these numbers is explained in Note A at the foot of Statement No. 2.

No. 7.—AGGREGATE OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Appeals from	Revenue Judge of Bombay.										Collectors.										Assistant Collectors.					Mamlutdars.					Punchayets.				
	1857		1858		1859		1860		1861		1857		1858		1859		1860		1861		1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Special.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.	Regular.
Suits appealable	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	163	1	150	..	..	..	131	4	157	6	1	..	2	..	890	1097	1218	1372	1652	..	..	..	..	..
Appealed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	6	1	4	..	5	..	29	1	1	..	..	..	210	179	241	208	215	..	..	..	..	..
Appeals depending on 1st January	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	17	..	2	..	2	1	3	1	4	..	1	1	1	..	214	191	153	197A	226	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	20	..	8	1	6	1	8	1	33	1	2	1	1	..	424	370	394	405	441	..	..	..	..	..
Affirmed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	8	..	2	..	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	113	102	90	77	93	..	..	..	..	..
Modified	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	26	7	13	14	24	..	..	..	..	..
Reversed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	40	61	40	40	..	..	..	..	..
Remanded	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	40	20	28	18	..	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	20	6	11	14	..	..	..	..	..
Adjusted or withdrawn	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	9	4	2	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	18	..	6	..	3	..	4	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	230	216	199	174	191	..	..	..	..	..
Depending 31st December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	3	1	4	..	33	1	1	1	..	..	191	153	196A	226	246	..	..	..	..	..

A.—*Vide* Note A to Statement No. 4.

No. 8.—DESCRIPTION OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Connected with Land Rent	1,407	1,685	1,854	2,081	2,757
Otherwise connected with Land	141	74	78	26	31
Connected with Debts, Wages, &c.	..	..	..	..	..
Ditto Caste, Religion, &c.	..	..	..	..	..
Ditto Indigo, Sugar, Silk, &c.	..	..	..	..	..
Total....	1,548	1,759	1,932	2,107	2,788

No. 9.—RESULT OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

In favour of Plaintiff.	In favour of Defendant.
1,333	327

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A.—These include only those suits that are decided on their merits.

No. 10.—AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.

	1857			1858			1859			1860			1861		
	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Sudder Dewanee Adawlut..	1	10	15	..	5	11	..	3	22	..	8	2	..	10	27
Collector.....	..	9	10	..	7	17	..	9	11	..	7	3	..	6	25
Assistant Collectors	..	4	1	4	..	24	..	5	28	..	9	28	..	7	11
Mamlutdars	..	4	22	..	3	25	..	3	6	..	3	1	..	2	25

No. 11.—TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS DEPENDING.

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Before Sudder Adawlut	33	118	809	1,363	2,570
Before other Courts Original	13,061	10,612	23,689	19,731	65,349
Ditto ditto Appeals	6,902	5,763	6,084	7,958	9,853
Total....	19,996	16,493	30,582	29,052	77,772

No. 12.—DEBTORS IN JAIL.

	1857		1858		1859		1860		1861	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		Rs. a. p.		*Rs. a. p.*		*Rs. a. p.*		*Rs. a. p.*		*Rs. a. p*
At the instance of Individuals.....	23	518 2 11	13	263 2 2	10	351 12 2	8	596 4 10	10	351 3 8
At the instance of Government.....	14	5,133 15 0	9	913 1 9	1	57 10 0	0	....	..	....
Total number in Jail ..	37	5,652 1 11	22	1,176 3 11	11	409 6 2	8	596 4 10	10	351 3 8

STATEMENT showing the Number of ORIGINAL SUITS of different value decided by the PRINCIPAL SUDDER AMEENS, SUDDER AMEENS, *and* MOONSIFFS *of the Bombay Presidency in the Year* 1861.

	Above 10,000 Rupees.	From 5,000 to 10,000 Rs.	From 2,500 to 5,000 Rs.	From 1,000 to 2,500 Rs.	From 500 to 1,000 Rs.	From 300 to 500 Rs.	From 100 to 300 Rs.	From 50 to 100 Rs.	From 10 to 50 Rs.	Not exceeding 10 Rs.	Remarks.
Principal Sudder Ameens	19	12	16	65	103	114	779	812	4,121	1,157	
Sudder Ameens	..	17	21	56	141	148	1,372	1,910	9,511	3,268	
Moonsiffs	..	..	63	229	582	901	6,889	10,044	61,214	18,740	

Bombay, Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, 12*th March* 1862.

(Signed) ROBERT HILL PINHEY,
Acting Registrar.

STATEMENT showing what EUROPEAN OFFICERS presided over the CIVIL and CRIMINAL COURTS under this Presidency during the year 1861, and what was the PROPORTION of BUSINESS disposed of by each.

NAMES OF THE ZILLAHS.	Names of the European Officers.	Designation.	Period of holding Office.	DISPOSAL OF BUSINESS. Criminal Sessions.	Criminal Appeals.	Civil Appeals.	Criminal Miscellaneous Orders.	Civil Miscellaneous Orders.	REMARKS.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
AHMEDABAD	A. B. Warden, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 24th April 1861	29	..	96	399	2,500	In addition to this, Mr. Warden reviewed 11 cases upon Petitions from Convicts, and 14 referred by the Senior Assistant and Assistant Session Judges for confirmation. In addition to this, Mr. Warden investigated 10 claims to certificates of leadership, and 1 to sue or defend in *forma pauperis*. Mr. Warden was in the District from 4th to 6th February 1861.
	C. H. Cameron, Esq.	Acting Judge and Session Judge	From 16th May to 31st December 1861	58a	..	74	*2,057a	5,791	a.—This includes 2 Criminal Cases decided by the Acting Session Judge on circuit at Kaira.
	L. Rosenpuet, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge in charge	From 4th to 8th February 1861	..	..	37	..	500	
	J. King, Esq.	Principal Sudder Ameen in charge, Adawlut	From 25th April to 17th May 1861	..	..	..	69	179	b.—This includes 20 Miscellaneous Orders issued by the Acting Session Judge on circuit at Kaira.
	Jugjeewunlaus Khooshal-dass, Esq.	Honorary Deputy Magistrate in charge, Jail	From 24th April to 18th May 1861	..	..	..	..	..	In addition to this, the Acting Session Judge reviewed 43 cases upon Petitions from Convicts, and 6 on Police Warrants, &c., and 1 referred by the Senior Assistant and Assistant Session Judges for confirmation.
	A. K. Nairne, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge in charge	From 20th to 22nd July, and from 11th to 17th November 1861	..	..	..	195	..	In addition to this, the Acting Judge investigated 32 claims to certificates of leadership, and 1 to sue or defend in *forma pauperis*.
	A. Rosenpuet, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 5th April 1861	..	..	..	62	127	
	A. K. Nairne, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge	From 22nd June to 20th December 1861	18	..	104	10	103	The Acting Session Judge was on circuit from 20th to 22nd July, and from 11th to 17th November 1861.
KAIRA	The Honorable G. A. Hamett	Senior Assistant Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 31st December 1861	45	2	41	135	1,027	In addition to this, the Assistant Session Judge decided 2 cases of Forfeiture of Recognizances and Security Bond.
				39	..	85	1,820c	7,440b	b.—These include 45 Criminal Miscellaneous Orders, and 3 Civil Miscellaneous Orders passed by the Officers in charge, during the absence of the Senior Assistant Judge from the Sudder Station.
									The Senior Assistant Judge was in the District from 2nd to 6th, and from 14th to 18th January, and 12th to 21st December 1861.
	A. K. Forbes, Esq.	Acting Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 15th March 1861	8	..	34	484	1,287d	The Senior Assistant Judge investigated 20 claims to certificate of leadership.
									c.—Includes 18 appeals against the decision of the Assistant Session Judge at Nariad and the Senior Assistant Session Judge at Broach, and 2 cases for confirmation sentenced from Broach.
									d.—Includes 3 applications for certificates, and 5 to sue in *forma pauperis*.
SURAT	A. B. Warden, Esq.	Ditto ditto	From 1st May 1861 to 30th October, and from 6th November to 31st December 1861	..	..	..	46	120	e.—Includes 11 Criminal Cases decided by the Session Judge at two Sessions at Broach.
	R. H. Pinhey, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge	From 1st to 28th January, and from 9th to 31st February 1861	62e	1	101	1,616e	4,216f	f.—Includes 11 Criminal Cases decided by the Session Judge at two Sessions at Broach.
	W. Sandwith, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge	From 14th February to 16th March 1861	4	14	7	34	222	g.—Includes 3 appeals against decisions of the Assistant Session Judge at Surat and the Senior Assistant Session Judge at Broach.
	W. R. Pratt, Esq.	2nd Assistant Collector in charge	From 17th February to 31st March 1861	15	5	21	256	1,151	h.—Includes 50 applications for certificates.
	Khan Bahadoor Framjee Nusserwanjee	Honorary Deputy Collector in charge, Adawlut	From 31st October to 4th November, and 11th to 20th November 1861	..	..	..	46	120	
BROACH	R. F. Mactier, Esq.	Senior Assistant Judge and Session Judge	From 1st to 27th January 1861	..	1	15	47	50	Besides the Criminal Cases entered in column 5, there were 11 cases decided by the Session Judge at Broach.
	R. H. Pinhey, Esq.	Acting Assistant Judge and Session Judge in charge	From 28th January to 8th February 1861	..	..	..	14	93	Among the Civil Miscellaneous orders are included 13 applications disposed of; viz., 11 for certificates of leadership, and 1 to sue in *forma pauperis*.
	R. White, Esq.	Senior Assistant Judge and Session Judge	From 9th February to 17th May 1861	2	1	58	103	239	
	J. E. Oliphant, Esq.	Collector and Magistrate in charge, Adawlut	From 18th May to 3rd June 1861	..	..	..	93	..	
	W. Sandwith, Esq.	Acting Senior Assistant Judge and Session Judge	From 4th June to 31st December 1861	7	3	84	137	354	
BROACH	C. Forbes, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 25th December 1861	56i	..	132	2,940	6,748	The Judge was on leave from 15th October to 14th November.
	M. Melvill, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 11th May, and from 9th December 1861 to 31st idem	26	5	109	712	2,998	i.—6 of these were tried at Rutnagherry.
	H. W. Elliot, Esq.	Acting Assistant Judge and Session Judge	From 12th to 22nd May 1861	3	..	..	3	..	
	W. H. Newnham, Esq.	Acting ditto ditto	From 13th June to 5th December 1861	27	8	76	750	3,493	
	C. H. Cameron, Esq.	Senior Assistant Judge	From 1st January to 6th April 1861	6	1	80	404	2,337	
	H. White, Esq.	Acting Senior Assistant Judge	From 7th June to 31st December 1861	22	..	125	1,244	4,606	
RUTNAGHERRY	Khan Saheb Goolam Mohamed wuzeed Abdool Kadur	Sudder Ameen in charge Sudder Station	From 1st to 31st January 1861	..	..	..	..	..	
	Ditto	Ditto in charge, Adawlut	From 24th April to 18th June 1861	..	..	..	..	1,051	
	C. M. Hogg, Esq.	3rd Assistant Magistrate	From 1st to 3rd January 1861	..	..	..	10	..	
	A. W. Hughes, Esq.	Deputy Magistrate	From 4th to 9th January, and 24th April to 16th June 1861	..	..	..	300	..	
	T. C. Longhouse, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 31st December 1861	49	2	305	2,787	6,709	
	H. White, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge	From 1st to 24th January 1861	3	..	..	111	538	
	C. Gomez, Esq.	Ditto	From 4th February to 25th May 1861	10	1	49	439	2,239	
PUNA	C. W. Elliot, Esq.	Ditto	From 27th May to 31st December 1861	27	1	102	702	5,324	
	T. C. Longhouse	Agent	From 1st January to 31st December 1861	..	9	19	..	1,544	
	H. White, Esq.	Assistant Agent	From 1st to 25th January 1861	..	..	..	..	97	
	C. Gomez, Esq.	Ditto	From 4th February to 25th May 1861	..	44	..	..	243	
	C. W. Elliot, Esq.	Ditto	From 27th May to 31st December 1861	..	45	..	..	474	
SHOLAPOOR	T. A. Compton, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 17th January to 4th April, from 14th April to 3rd May, and from 4th June to 31st December 1861	45	1	319	2,236	9,207	The Judge was on circuit from 28th December 1860 to 7th January 1861, and from the 4th to 10th April 1861.
	C. M. Harrison, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 31st December 1861	32	..	168	450	4,459	k.—Is on circuit from 1st to 23rd February, and from 23rd November to 31st December 1861; and on leave of absence from 5th October to 4th November 1861.
	C. Gomez, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge	From 1st to 31st January 1861	2	..	14	57	559	
AHMEDNUGGUR	N. H. Pinhey, Esq.	Ditto ditto	From 25th March to 15th November 1861	36	1	227	1,239	19,344	In addition to this, the Session Judge reviewed 10 cases upon Petitions from Convicts in the Criminal Jail, which had been tried by the Assistant Session Judge and the Magisterial Department, and 16 referred by the Assistant Session Judge for confirmation as sent up if called for from the Magisterial Department upon the Appeal of a Convict.
	M. Melvill, Esq.	Acting ditto ditto	From 16th November to 31st December 1861	4	..	..	21	264	
	W. H. Newnham, Esq.	Ditto ditto	From 18th to 31st December 1861	6	..	..	114	1,041	
DHARWAR	A. St. John Richardson, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 10th September, and from 9th November to 31st December 1861	99	25	130	1,439	5,130	The Principal Sudder Ameen Khan Bahadoor Bucapjee Hirjeebhoy, when in charge Sudder Station (from 1st to 24th February, and from 1st to 15th December 1861), issued 109 miscellaneous orders on the Criminal side, and 1018 on the Civil side.
									In addition to the number of Criminal Cases shown as disposed of in this Return, 5 cases decided by the Magistracy were reviewed, and the Session Judge also tried two cases against witnesses who denied and forfeited the recognizances bonds executed by them before the Police Officers binding them to attend the Session Court to give evidence, and decided 13 cases of disputes regarding removal of attachments. He also wrote 80 Warrants and English Correspondence, 1151 Letters (including Memoranda and Endorsements), and 419 Perishable Returns, Bills, &c.
									The Principal Sudder Ameen in charge Sudder Station, issued 350 miscellaneous orders on the Criminal side, and 1076 on the Civil side. These are not included in the amount of Miscellaneous Civil and Criminal business.
	F. Lloyd, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 28th January to 9th November, and from 2nd to 31st December 1861	67l	2	208	3,100	8,020l	l.—There do not include enquiries into a Petition of a person claiming to sue as a pauper, and 33 cases of persons claiming to be declared heirs or executors of persons deceased.
									m.—These include investigations in 1 pauper suit, and 53 claims for certificate of heirship, and opinions thereon forwarded to the Judge.
BELGAUM	L. H. B. Tucker, Esq.	Acting Political Agent, Southern Mahratta Country	From 1st January to 15th July 1861	54	7	393	393	720m	
	Major G. S. A. Anderson	Ditto ditto	From 16th July to 15th September 1861	..	..	..	..	17	
	L. H. B. Tucker, Esq.	Ditto ditto	From 16th September to 31st December 1861	..	1	..	..	5	
				..	1	..	..	20	
			Total	873	192	3,955	27,956	1,00,067	

Bombay, Sudder Adawlut, 12th March 1862.

(Signed) ROBERT HILL PINHEY,
Acting Registrar.

No. 2423 of 1862.

Judicial Department.

Bombay Castle, 16th July 1862.

To

The Acting Registrar of the Sudder Dewanee Adawlut,

Sir,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 12th March last, No. 598, submitting Returns of Civil business transacted by the Judicial Authorities under this Presidency during the year 1861; and to communicate to you the following observations of Government thereon.

2*nd*.—The number of suits depending on the 1st January 1861, was 21,768 or 23,584 less than on the 1st January 1860. The number of suits instituted during the year 1861, was 3,12,080 or 2,20,772 more than in the preceding year. There were 65,535 more suits disposed of in 1861 than in 1860, an increase of more than 60 per cent. The number depending at the end of the year is 1,30,797 more than it was in 1860.

3*rd*.—The following table which has been framed from the statements accompanying these Returns, exhibits at one view the amount of work done by the Civil, Agency, and Revenue Courts during the year, as contrasted with the preceding year:—

	For Adjudication during the Years				Decided on Merits.				Arrears.			
	1860.	1861.	Increase.	Decrease.	1860.	1861.	Increase.	Decrease.	1860.	1861.	Increase.	Decrease.
Original Suits.												
Civil Courts	1,36,660	3,33,848	1,97,188	..	85,174	1,22,371	37,197	..	21,768	1,52,565	1,30,797	..
Agency Courts	564	2,136	1,572	..	252	631	379	..	180	1,175	995	..
Revenue Courts	2,533	4,310	1,777	..	1,374	1,660	286	..	458	1,420	962	..
	1,39,757	3,40,294	2,00,537	..	86,800	1,24,662	37,862	..	22,406	1,55,160	1,32,754	..

4*th*.—From the above it will be seen that there were more cases for adjudication, more decisions on merits, and a larger number of arrears in 1861 than in 1860, in all the Courts. The vast accumulation of arrears is altogether due to an extraordinary influx of suits in anticipation of the new Limitation Act coming into force, as the Courts of every class have disposed of a much greater number of cases than in the preceding year.

5*th*.—A comparison of the suits regularly appealable and appealed in the Courts of Civil Judicature (exclusive of Jagheerdars, Punchayets, and Revenue Courts) for the last five

years, leads to the following results, which indicate that appeals are diminishing, notwithstanding the large increase of original suits :—

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Appealable	82,815	86,688	90,683	85,165	1,22,365
Appealed	4,740	4,936	4,709	3,784	3,225

6th.—The suits specially appealable and appealed in the same period were as follows :—

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Specially appealable...	4,454	4,445	4,406	3,286	3,044
Appealed	121	77	136	139	510

the increase in 1861 having been 371 or more than 250 per cent.

The number of appeals depending at the close of the year was as follows :—

	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Special	44	59	81	102	533
Regular.....	3,066	2,381	1,830	1,920	1,579

These results are satisfactory so for as the disposal of regular appeals is concerned, but His Excellency the Governor in Council remarks that, notwithstanding the large increase in the number of special appeals filed, only 79 were disposed of by the Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, against 118 in 1860.

7th.—The subjoined is a contrasted statement of the Appellate file of all the branches of the Civil Administration throughout the Presidency during 1860 and 1861 :—

	For Adjudication during the Years				Decided on Merits.				Arrears.			
	1860.	1861.	Increase.	Decrease.	1860.	1861.	Increase.	Decrease.	1860.	1861.	Increase.	Decrease.
Appeals.												
Civil Courts	5,864	5,780	..	84	3,369	3,116	..	253	2,041	2,329	288	..
Agency Courts	17	26	9	..	12	17	5	..	4	7	3	..
Revenue Court	415	475	60	..	135	158	23	..	231	279	48	..
	6,296	6,281	69	84	3,516	3,291	28	253	2,276	2,615	339	..

8*th.*—The decrease in the number of appeals filed is thus exceeded by that of the appeals disposed of, and the total number of appeals depending at the close of 1861 thus proved to be greater than at the end of 1860. This unfavourable result, however, seems wholly due to the accumulation of special appeals in the Sudder Dewanee Adawlut. On the rest of the return the comparison is in favour of 1861.

9*th.*—The average duration of suits is longer by at least a month than in 1860. Considering, however, the much larger number of suits actually disposed of, this result can only be ascribed like the heavy balance of suits undisposed of at the close of the year, to an influx of cases exceeding the capacity of the Courts to deal with so promptly as heretofore. His Excellency the Governor in Council trusts that, as the number of suits filed in the present year must have fallen to, or even below, an average number, the large arrears of 1861 will, with the assistance it is in the contemplation of Government to give, be rapidly disposed of, and that, at the close of this year, there will be such a diminution of arrears as to afford opportunity for the speedy disposal of every future suit.

10*th.*—The value of suits depending has increased from Rupees 34,54,894 in 1860 to Rupees 1,45,24,961 in 1861, that is in a still greater ratio than even the number of suits. As the circumstances of the year however were wholly exceptional, these facts bear no indication of any general tendency.

11*th.*—The number of debtors imprisoned has sunk from 698 in 1859 to 561 in 1860, and 557 in 1861. This smaller number of prisoners were imprisoned for a higher aggregate amount than the larger numbers of the previous years. This indicates that imprisonment is less and less resorted to as a means of enforcing payment of very small debts, owing probably, in part, to the improved means of recovery of other kinds put into creditors' hands, by the new Code of Civil Procedure, and partly to the generally improved circumstances of the poorer classes of the population.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) R. WEST,

Officiating Under Secretary to Government.

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